

Appl. No. 09/994,709
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REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the courtesy of the telephone interview with the Examiner at which time the undersigned attorney advised the Examiner that an error was made in the previously filed amendment. The Examiner indicated that he had not yet received the amendment and requested that this supplemental amendment be sent via facsimile to the Examiner which has been done.

Applicants have further amended the specification and claims to correct some minor typographical errors which were inadvertently made in the Amendment filed November 25, 2003. The specification has been amended to correct the values of the ranges c and e. Hence, Applicants have amended the ranges of c and e in claim 1 to " $8.0 < c \leq 60$ " and " $0 \leq e < 8$ ", respectively as fully supported by Applicants' specification and as discussed in the previous response. That is, the value of c may be less than or equal to 60. Similar, 0 may be less than or equal to e.

Similarly, the 2nd and 3rd pages of the specification concerning the ranges of c and e have been amended accordingly. These amendments do not introduce new matter into the application as would be appreciated by one of ordinary skill in the art to which the invention pertains.

Claims 4 and 9 have been amended because the previously filed Amendment did not list these claims as currently amended.

In view of the above comments and further amendments to the specification and claims in this Supplemental Amendment and taken along with the amendments and comments in the amendment filed on November 25, 2003, favorable reconsideration

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and allowance of all of the claims now present in the application are most respectfully requested.

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